

IN THE DRAWINGS

The attached sheet of drawings includes new Fig. 6.

Attachment: New Sheet

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the present application, as amended, is respectfully requested. Claim 1 is being amended. Therefore, claims 1-28 are presented for examination.

Specification

Applicants have amended the specification to delete embedded hyperlinks.

Drawings

Applicants have added new Figure 6 to show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 6, 8-9, 21-22 and 25 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,239,837 to Yamada et al. (hereinafter "Yamada") in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0194414 to Bateman et al. (hereinafter "Bateman"). Examiner rejected claims 3-5, 7, 10-14, 16-17, 19-20, 23-24 and 26-28 as being unpatentable over Bateman and Yamada and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,630,954 to Okada.

Claims 1-2, 6, 8-9

Examiner rejected claims 1-2, 6, and 8-9 as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,239,837 to Yamada et al. in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0054212 to Fukuoka. Claim 1 recites:

A method facilitating transfer of information from a data capture device to a host device, the method comprising:

upon connection of a data capture device to a host device that is capable of communicating with said data capture device, automatically verifying that a connection has been established between said data capture device and said host device and automatically initiating an immediate transfer of information from said data capture device;

automatically providing notification that said transfer of information is in process; and

automatically providing notification of successful completion of said transfer of information by one of illumination or extinguishing of a light on said data capture device.

(Emphasis Added). Bateman and Yamada, either individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest automatically providing notification of successful completion of said transfer of information by one of illumination or extinguishing of a light on said data capture device.

Bateman discloses a “quick send” button, pushing which causes selected on-camera data to be transferred to a local host. (Bateman, Abstract; col. 1, ¶9; col. 3, ¶24). As acknowledged by the Examiner, Bateman does not teach or suggest automatically providing notification of successful completion of said transfer of information. (Office Action dated 03/14/06, pages 4-5).

Yamada discloses a liquid crystal display section on a camera to display multiple icon marks:

The icon mark 56 mainly displays, in terms of segment, the number of so-called frame picture sheets which can be stored in the main memory MM or auxiliary memory (memory card) MC.... [T]he icon mark 60 mainly indicates the number of

sheets of so-called frame pictures already stored in the main memory MM or auxiliary memory MC.... [T]he icon mark 62 is displayed, indicating that the image data already stored in the main memory MM is being transferred and copied to the auxiliary memory MC. The icon mark 64 indicates the state where the auxiliary memory (memory card) MC is attached to the card slot 38, whereas it is not displayed in the state where the auxiliary memory (memory card) MC is detached therefrom. The icon mark 66 indicates a mode in which the image data already stored in the main memory MM or auxiliary memory MC is erased.

(Yamada, col. 4, lines 19-42).

Yamada further discloses:

After the whole image data is transferred and copied, as indicated by display example #5 in this drawing, the value of the icon mark 60 becomes zero, indicating that the whole image data has been copied.

(Yamada, col. 11, lines 62-65).

Thus, Yamada discloses providing notification of completion of transfer of images by displaying the value of icon mark 60 as zero. Therefore, Yamada does not teach or suggest providing notification of completion of transfer of images by one of illumination or extinguishing of a light on the data capture device.

As neither Bateman nor Yamada teaches or suggests automatically providing notification of successful completion of said transfer of information by one of illumination or extinguishing of a light on said data capture device, claim 1 and its dependent claims 2, 6, and 8-9 cannot be deemed obvious over the combination.

Claims 15, 18, 21, 22, 25

Examiner rejected claims 15, 18, 21-22, and 25 as being unpatentable over Yamada in view of Bateman. Claim 15, as amended, recites:

A method facilitating transfer of information from a first device to a second device capable of communicating with said first device, the method comprising:

upon connection of a first device to a second device, automatically providing notification of the establishment of connectivity between said first device and said second device, and enabling automatic initiation of immediate transfer of information from said first device to said second device;

upon initiation of a transfer of information from said first device to said second device, automatically providing feedback while said transfer of information is in process; and

automatically providing notification of completion of said transfer of information by one of illumination or extinguishing of a light on said data capture device.

(Emphasis Added). As discussed above, Bateman and Yamada, either individually or in combination, do not teach or suggest enabling automatically providing notification of completion of said transfer of information, as recited in claim 15. Thus, claim 15 and dependent claims 18, 21-22, and 25 are not obvious under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over Yamada in view of Bateman.

Claims 3-5, 7, 10-14

Examiner rejected claims 3-5, 7 and 10-14 as being unpatentable over Bateman, in view of Yamada further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,630,954 to Okada.

Okada discloses erasing an image file in an electronic camera and changing a state of notification to the user in accordance with data attached to the image file indicating whether the image file previously has been stored elsewhere. Okada is focused on informing the user whether data has been previously transferred, or erased. Okada does not provide a notification to indicate the completion of data transfer. Okada does not teach or suggest automatically providing notification of completion of a transfer of information.

Therefore, Bateman, Yamada, and Okada alone or in combination do not teach or suggest automatically providing notification of completion of a transfer of information, as recited in claim 1. Since claims 3-5, 7 and 10-13 depend from claim 1, they are not obvious over the combination of references.

Claims 16-17, 19-20, 23-24, and 26-28

Examiner rejected claims 3-5, 7 and 10-14 as being unpatentable over Bateman, in view of Yamada, and further in view of Okada.

Okada discloses erasing an image file in an electronic camera and changing a state of notification to the user in accordance with data attached to the image file indicating whether the image file previously has been stored elsewhere. Okada does not teach or suggest automatically providing notification of completion of a transfer of information.

Therefore, Bateman, Yamada, and Okada alone or in combination do not teach or suggest automatically providing notification of completion of a transfer of information, as recited in claim 15. Since claims 16-17, 19-20, 23-24, and 26-28 depend on claim 15, and incorporate its limitations, they are not obvious over the combination of references.

SUMMARY

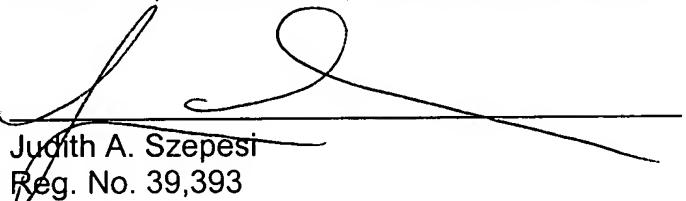
Applicant respectfully submits that in view of the amendments and discussion set forth herein, the applicable rejections have been overcome. Accordingly, the present and amended claims should be found to be in condition for allowance.

If a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact Judith Szepesi at (408) 720-8300.

If there are any additional charges/credits, please charge/credit our deposit account no. 02-2666.

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